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HOUSE RESOLUTION 389  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the officers and members of the Martha Dandridge Garden Club on seventy-five years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are celebrating a milestone in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club is one such outstanding organization, which has diligently served Dandridge and Jefferson County for seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this landmark anniversary, the members of the Martha Dandridge Garden Club will place a granite-based commemorative sundial in one of the community's most cherished assets, a Revolutionary War Era cemetery; and

WHEREAS, this joyous celebration will take place on June 21, 2002, coinciding with the birthday of the club's namesake, Martha Dandridge Washington; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary women's civic organization was founded in 1927 by twenty-two ladies from influential families in the Dandridge area; and

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WHEREAS, today the club is an inclusive organization, boasting a membership of seventy-five and providing many opportunities for the women of Jefferson County to become active members of their community; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable organization has been fortunate to enjoy the exemplary leadership of a succession of outstanding presidents, who have astutely guided the organization in its meritorious service to the people of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club is one of the most recognized clubs in the State of Tennessee, and is valued for its rich history, as well as its numerous past and present accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious history, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club has remained committed to enriching Jefferson County through various efforts, including donations of books to the library in memory of members and monetary donations to the library, Senior Citizen Center, and local schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these outstanding efforts, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club has sponsored many successful flower shows, annual picnics, and other valuable community landscaping programs that have benefited and beautified Dandridge and Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the club also takes pride in its numerous efforts to disseminate gardening knowledge and proficiency among its members and to the community at large; and

WHEREAS, one of the major contributions of this worthy civic organization has been the restoration and maintenance of a Revolutionary War era cemetery located in the historical district of Dandridge; and

WHEREAS, during its stalwart commitment to this ongoing project, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club has maintained trees, shrubs and bedding plants during each season; the club has also placed native stone benches in the cemetery, along with a monument and a flagpole to honor the patriots of this great nation and

WHEREAS, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club, in its seventy-five years, has indeed established an outstanding tradition of public service; throughout their many years of remarkable service, the members of this fine organization have distinguished themselves as worthy Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's most exemplary public service organizations, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club, and join its officers and members in celebrating the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate the Martha Dandridge Garden Club, which has splendidly and industriously served to beautify and improve Dandridge and Jefferson County for seventy-five years, and wish its officers and members much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.